

Honest shopper returns to pay rest of bill

Store Reporter Evelyn Barrow

Anita Ingram, a West Florida Hospital staff member came into K mart 4085, Pensacola, Florida to buy 236 Smurf coloring books as presents for babies born in the West Florida Hospital last year.

Inadvertantly, she was charged for only 137 books. At a later date, she returned to the store and paid for the other 99 books, totaling over \$97.

Pharmacist voted "Friendliest Employee"

Store Reporter Inga Cunningham

To sum up Customer Care Week at K mart 7076, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a vote was taken for the Friendliest Employee.

Michael Rieben, pharmacist, was voted to carry that title.

Michael graduated from the University of Tennessee



Michael Rieben

College of Pharmacy in 1978. He worked at various drug stores before starting to work for K mart in 1980.

When asked why he wanted to be a pharmacist, Michael replied, "I wanted a worthwhile profession that contributed to the community. I also wanted to work closely with the public."

Pharmacist and his aid revive cyanotic baby

Store Reporter Cindy Muller

What seemed to be a typical afternoon recently at K mart 7060, Shelby, North Carolina, turned out to be a traumatic experience with a happy ending.

A man was running towards the pharmacy department with his 22-month-old child in his arms yelling, "Hurry! Help my baby, do something." The child, Bradson Philbeck, was cyanotic (turning blue) and had stopped breathing.

Elaine Cunningham, pharmacy employee and Prentiss George, pharmacist, came to the rescue. The two employees worked diligently with the child to restore breathing. As Prentiss worked with the child, Elaine tried to clear his throat.

To Elaine and Prentiss, what actually took only a few minutes, seemed like an eternity.

"He would begin to breathe, then stop. Finally he gave a cry, the best sound I have ever heard," Prentiss said.

Prentiss, one of the first pharmacists in North Carolina to become an emergency medical technician strongly suggests that all pharmacists have CPR training because you never know when something similar will happen.

Later in the evening, Mr. Philbeck came back to the store to thank Elaine and Prentiss and gave each a card and gift in appreciation.



They walked over a mile in their shoes. Part of the staff at K mart 7389, Indian Harbor Beach, Florida who walked for charity.

March of Dimes walkers raise over \$900

Store Reporter Vicky Biro

A group of employees from K mart 7389, Indian Harbor Beach, Florida, took off recently under rainy skies on the annual March of Dimes Walk America.

Each K mart walker was sponsored by fellow employees, friends and families that pledged over \$900 for the March of Dimes for each kilometer they walked.

The walk totaled 20 kilometers (12½ miles) and took walkers all through their home towns of Indian Harbor Beach and Melbourne.

After many hours, sore muscles, and a few blisters this proud group of K marts crossed over the finish line with a good feeling of community service to help the fight against birth defects.

One employee, Pat Brewer, jogged the entire stretch in just two hours and didn't hurt one bit!

But for the rest of the crew, they knew the "thrill of victory" and the "agony of de feet!"



Marathoners finish under 60 minutes

Store Reporter Paul Patrick

In April, Marathon, Florida held the second annual Seven Mile Bridge Run. There were 1,200 runners, with four runners from K mart 9224, Marathon, Florida. They included: Apparel Manager Joe Holland, home improvements Chris Proulx, Store Manager Russell Mason and Assistant Manager Jim Cochran.

All K mart participants finished in under an hour and are looking forward to the third annual run next year.